Terrace Makeover



We have a lovely space outside of our master bedroom that has been sorely neglected. It is located on the second story so it feels like it we are up in the tree tops. It is very private and surrounded by lush foliage. There's a wonderful view over to the pool house and is ideal for watching sunsets.



The cast metal furniture has oxidized over time and little maintenance had been done to the deck such as cleaning and sweeping.



We added this fireplace during our original restoration/renovation but we hardly seem to use it as this

space has never felt attractive or inviting.



I don't know what prompted me to get busy with this part of

our home, but after I purchased 5 cans of <u>Rust-Oleum</u> spray paint from <u>Lowe's</u> in Metallic Oil-Rubbed Bronze I was up and running. I've used spray paint cans before and have suffered from a stiff index finger in the process. I am very happy to find <u>this tool</u> which is very inexpensive and so well worth it. The handle clips onto a spray paint can and all you have to do is squeeze the handle. So easy!







The table top has a stone insert that was not removable so I covered it with paper and used Scotch's blue painters tape to

protect the stone from overspray.



Each piece of outdoor furniture is sprayed with new paint. After they are all dry, it is time to put the seating area back together.

And here is the AFTER.

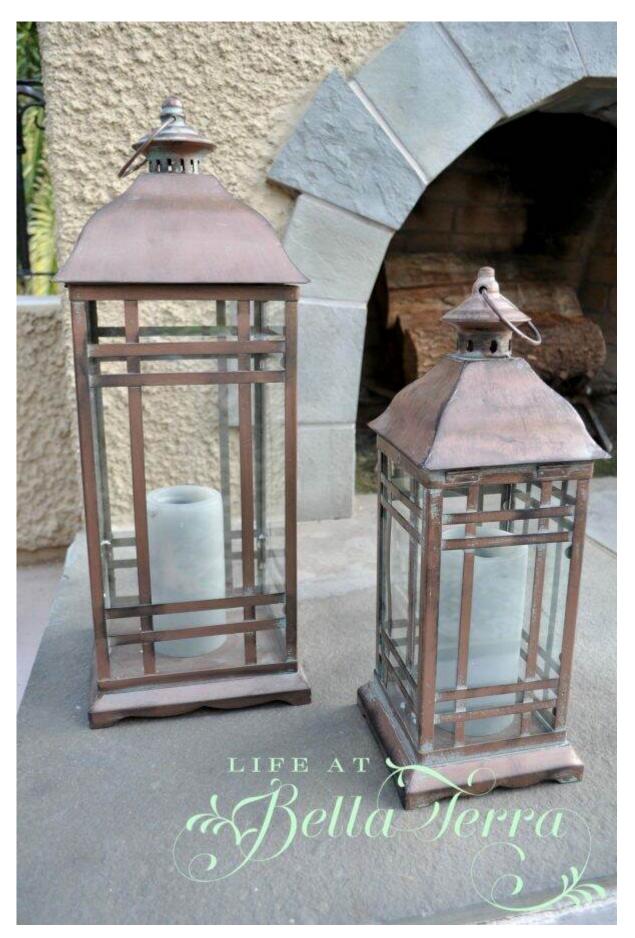


The rug I ordered online through Rugs Direct. I've had rather good luck with this company and have been very happy with their selection, their prices and the speed of their delivery. This 8^{\prime} x 10^{\prime} Caspian (1005D) outdoor rug cost \$199 (with free delivery) and it defines the space.



The throw, pillows, lanterns and acrylic glasses and tray are from <u>Pier One Imports</u>. I haven't been there in some time and I am always so impressed with their selection of products. The cushions are covered in <u>Sunbrella</u> fabric. The furniture was purchased several years ago and I believe the manufacturer is Pompeii.





Pier One has such a nice selection of outdoor trays and dinnerware. Look at this tray-the details are so pottery-like but unbreakable!





I imagine this will now become a favorite spot for a cup of coffee or glass of wine.





Some things to learn about this project:

- 1. Wear gloves unless you want to scrub off your first layer of skin to get the paint off.
- 2. Wear shoes or socks. I was barefoot and yes, I had to scrub and scrub to get the paint off my feet.

- 3. Make sure you put down an appropriate amount of protective sheets or drop cloths. Mine were a bit small and yes, there was overspray. Thankfully I was able to scrub that off the deck. Lots of scrubbing after this project!
- 4. Check the paint color before you start. I didn't dislike this paint enough to stop and purchase more, but I do wish it was a bit lighter.

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